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1. GOK FONMIN ADBBESSED COLOMBO SUMMIT AUGUST 18. SPEECH WAS REBROADCAST ON KUWAIT TV. LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS DEVOTED ITS COVERAGE OF FONMIN'S REMARKS ALMOST ENTIRELY TO STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST. IT APPEARS FROM APPARENT FULL TEXT, CARRIED IN LOCAL ARABIC PRESS, THAT FONMIN CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL ISRAEL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMELAND. FONMIN IMPLICITLY URGED ALL NON-ALIGNED STATES TO BREAK ALL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, CHARACTERIZED ENTEBBE RAID AS BARBARIC. HIS ONLY REFERENCE TO ISRAELI STATUS AT THE UNITED NATIONS WAS A CALL FOR (UNSPECIFIED) RESOLUTIONS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, TO BE TURNED INTO TANGIBLE ACTION.

2. OTHERWISE KUWAITI FONMIN HARDLY TOUCHED ON ISSUES OF KEY INTEREST TO USG. HE DID NOT MENTION KOREA, PUERTO RICO OR PANAMA
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CANAL. HE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO CYPRUS

PROBLEM, AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND RACIAL EQUALITY IN AFRICA. RE INDIAN OCEAN HE SAID KUWAIT SUPPORTS UN RESOLUTIONS AIMED AT KEEPING IT A ZONE OF PEACE, URGED ALL RIPARIAN STATES NOT TO AFFORD FACILITIES TO GREAT POWERS, AND OBJECTED TO TURNING ISLANDS INTO BASES THREATENING SAFETY OF INDIAN OCEAN COUNTRIES.

3. RE ECONOMICS, FONMIN DECLARED THAT FRUITFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WILL SOLVE THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS. ALTHOUGH STANDS OF SOME (UNSPECIFIED) DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT UNCTAD IV AND NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING, KUWAIT FONMIN SAID DIALOGUE WILL CONTINUE SINCE SOME (UNSPECIFIED) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF LDC PROBLEMS. FONMIN NOTED THAT INDUSTRIALIZED STATES HAVE FAILED TO FULFILL PLEDGE TO GIVE ONE PERCENT OF NATIONAL INCOME IN FOREIGN AID WHILE KUWAIT HAS GIVEN EIGHT PERCENT.

4. COMMENT: (A) IN ALL OF EXCELLENT REPORTING OF NAC BY EMBASSY COLOMBO, WE HAVE NEVER SEEN KUWAIT NAMED (THOUGH WIRELESS FILE ITEM AUGUST 20 INDICATES KUWAIT SERVED AS ONE OF TEN MEMBERS OF DRAFTING GROUP PREPARING GENERALLY PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION.) APPARENT FAILURE OF FONMIN IN HIS SPEECH TO CALL FOR DIRECT NORTH KOREAN-SOUTH KOREAN DIALOGUE WAS BREACH OF WHAT ROK TRADE COMMISSIONER TOLD US WAS KUWAITI COMMITMENT TO HIM. (B) THUS FONMIN SPEECH SEEMED DESIGNED TO OFFEND AS FEW AS POSSIBLE. WHILE IT APPEARS THAT GOK DELEGATION LACKED EITHER THE DESIRE OR THE WILL TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST IMMODERATE RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS, AT LEAST DELEGATION CHIEF AVOIDED ENDORSEING EXTREME POSITIONS IN HIS SUMMIT SPEECH. ALL THIS WAS FAIRLY PREDICTABLE, IF ONLY MODESTLY GRATIFYING.
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